

PRIORITY SCHOOLS IN THE NEWS

Principal news from **The Academy @ Shawnee**

Welcome to Ms. Venita Benboe!

Superintendent Dr. Donna Hargens announced the appointment of Venita Benboe as the new principal of the Academy @ Shawnee. Benboe is a veteran educator with 24 years of experience. She has served as assistant principal of Moore Traditional School (Grades 6-12) since 2005.

Colleagues describe Benboe as “a team player who is determined, organized, compassionate, and tenacious.” We are pleased she has accepted this assignment, and we are confident she will be committed to the faculty, students, and the Shawnee community.



Also, a special thank you to our Assistant Principals Tyler Shearon, Amber Jagers, and Jeronda Majors for their tireless efforts all summer long, keeping everything shipshape in the absence of a principal, hiring all new staff and teachers, and getting everyone and everything ready for the first day of school. We are so lucky to have you!



Fleming County High School to undergo \$7 million redesign -
<http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6GG3ABB&dasi=3G32>

Fleming County High School FFA officers are using Plan Do Study Act to make sure they achieve their 2015-16 goals!



The **Fleming County High School** Panther Purée Junior Chef Team won the first round of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's 2015 State Junior Chef Competition and will advance to the next round at the State Fair. The dish the team prepared was called Roaring Chicken Adobo.

The Junior Chef Competition is designed to offer students the opportunity to learn valuable skills in recipe development, food preparation, marketing, public presentation, organization, teamwork, and community involvement. The program is intended to stimulate interest in local agriculture, create a nontraditional market for Kentucky producers, increase the quality of products available to school cafeterias, and ultimately increase consumption of produce by Kentucky students. Over the past two years, approximately 350 students have participated in the competition. This event highlights local and seasonal ingredients and inspires school meal programs to buy local.



\$815,000 grant from American Electric Power Foundation will finance dual enrollment for students at **Lawrence County High School** and Ashland Community and Technical College - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6GGIYPY&dasi=3G32>

Superintendent's Spotlight: Kelly Middleton, **Newport Independent Schools** - http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/leadership-letter/2015/08/superintendents-spotlight-kelly-middleton-newport-independent/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KentuckyTeacher+%28Kentucky+Teacher%29

Westport Middle School orientation calms pre-middle school jitters - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6GG3Y0Y&dasi=3G32>

Western Middle School rolled out the red carpet for students on the first day of school!

